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USEC FOR SECRETARY USERY

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TAGS: ELAB, OVIP (USERY, W.J.)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF SECRETARY OF LABOR

REF: STATE 203156

1. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT SECY USERY BE PREPARED TO MEET WITH PRESS ON ARRIVAL AT TEL AVIV AUGUST 29. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT HE NOT PLAN TO MEET WITH PRESS ON DEPARTURE BECAUSE OF THE EARLY MORNING HOUR (0620).
2. SECRETARY WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE BRIEF STATEMENT TO THE PRESS ON ARRIVAL. FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED FOR SECRETARY'S CONSIDERATION.
3. BEGIN TEXT. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRIECIATION FOR THE INVITATION FROM MINISTER BARAM TO VISIT ISRAEL. THE MINISTER AND I HAD USEFUL TALKS WHEN HE VISITED WASHINGTON EARLIER THIS SUMMER, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE.
4. I AM PLEASED TO BE IN ISRAEL AGAIN, THIS TIME AS A MEMBER OF PRESIDENT FORD'S CABINET. I HAVE JUST COME FROM KANSAS CITY WHERE MR. FORD WAS NOMINATED AS HIS PARTY'S CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT. I BRING HIS WARM PERSONAL GREETINGS TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ISRAELI PEOPLE AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE PRESIDENT REMAINS

A CLOSE FRIEND OF ISRAEL AND A STRONG, RELIABLE SUPPORTER OF ITS CONTINUED VITALITY AND INDEPENDENCE.

5. AS YOU KNOW, I CAME TO MY PRESENT POSITION FROM A BACKGROUND OF CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE LABOR MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. THE AFL/CIO HAS LONG BEEN ONE OF THE STRONGEST AND MOST CONSISTENT SUPPORTERS OF ISRAEL, AND MY OWN FEELING ABOUT THIS COUNTRY HAS, OF COURSE, BEEN SHAPED BY THIS POSITION.

6. ON MY PREVIOUS VISITS TO ISRAEL I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE STRENGTH AND THE COURAGE OF YOUR PEOPLE HERE. I NOW LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOUR OFFICIALS AND STUDYING VARIOUS LABOR AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS. I AM SURE THERE IS MUCH WE CAN LEARN FROM EACH OTHER. END TEXT
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